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SUBJECT: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES (PAAI)

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1. COL. ROBERTSON REPORTS THAT PAAI'S AMERICAN BACKERS HAVE COME UP WITH ENOUGH INVESTMENT CAPITAL TO BUY THE TEN BELFAST AIRCRAFT FROM THE BRITISH, PLUS AN EXTRA \$1 MILLION FOR INITIAL OPERATING EXPENSES. ROBERTSON IS LEAVING FOR PARIS THIS AFTERNOON AND

WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON TOMORROW MORNING (FEB. 10) IN TIME FOR A JOINT BRITISH GOVERNMENT-PAAI PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SALE OF THE BELFASTS IN THE AFTERNOON. HE WILL RETURN TO OUAGADOUGOU
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2. PAAI IS THINKING OF POSSIBLY ASKING TO USE A "BARE BASE" AIRFIELD IN GERMANY AS A PLACE TO TEMPORARILY PUT THE BELFASTS AS THEY TAKE DELIVERY (APPROXIMATELY ONE EVERY THREE WEEKS) WHILE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS IS UNDERWAY.

3. MEANWHILE, FROM ALL INDICATIONS THE VOLTAN GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING WITH COMMISSION STUDY MENTIONED REFTEL. MINISTER OF FINANCE TOLD AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT THAT FINAL GREEN LIGHT WOULD PROBABLY COME AROUND THE END OF FEBRUARY.

4. ROBERTSON HOPES TO RUN AN INAUGURAL FLIGHT FROM

ENGLAND TO UPPER VOLTA SOON AFTER HE GETS THE VOLTAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

5. ROBERTSON CLAIMS THAT A DELEGATION FROM ABIDJAN IS COMING TO OUAGADOUGOU FEB. 12 TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF A CONVENTION ON PAAI OPERATIONS IN THE IVORY COAST. HE SAYS THAT HE HAS A REPRESENTATIVE IN NIAMEY WHO IS WORKING OUT A SIMILAR CONVENTION FOR NIGER, AND THAT A CONVENTION WITH CHAD IS ALREADY IN FINAL FORM.
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